

Friends of Lapham Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
September 1, 2021



Attendees: (*Board Members Present)

*Louise Borzynski, *John Hillmer, Jon Jeffords, *Rita Keber, *Colton Kelly (DNR), *Anne Korman (DNR), *Kris Maki, *John McCarthy, *Anne Riendl, *Karl Timm, Rick Von Haden, *Dan Wiley, *Randy Wichinski.

Meeting was held using ZOOM: Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

Minutes: August's minutes were approved as presented; they have been posted to our [Web Site](#).

Treasurer's Report: Karl updated the July Treasurer Report¹ and provided us with the August² report as well (both are attached). He noted, the total income for the year is \$293,027**. If we hit \$300,000 we will have more strict accounting obligations. Fortunately, we have now signed an agreement with an accounting firm to handle any needs that we have. Some August highlights are:

- Colorama received \$2,376 in entry fees
- Sold \$4,000 in benches
- Bricks received \$800
- \$1,002 in endowment

Updated the July report:

- moved \$32.74 of insurance costs from the General Fund to Snowmaking

**Regarding this year's income, it was then discussed that \$44K that was received last fiscal year end was booked in the prior year, but reported in this year, so that needs to be corrected, and that reduces this current year's income, so some anticipated donations that are coming in September probably won't put us over the \$300K level for this fiscal year. However, we do anticipate going over \$300K-\$600K and then some in our upcoming fiscal year.

We are grateful for a donation of \$100K that is being made to continue some prairie restoration work by the Hausmann Center and will also cover re-paving the Plantation Trail (the accessible path); the re-paving work will happen this September!

It was agreed that John H will add the 2019-2020 FLP IRS 990 to the website for easy access by the public.

OLD BUSINESS

Snow Making: John M reported -

- A map for local sponsor-recognition has been worked out with Colton and Anne K on the SM trails.
- Rich M has been working with the DNR on the re-writing plan for load balancing; it has been decided that this will not be done in conduit.
- The SM Committee is researching options to hire snowcat operator(s) as needed; they will present this information at a future meeting to us.
- Tuesday afternoon ski races are being lined up again similar to last year.
- Jim Marschalek has been working with John H and Steve Davis on options for the SM website so that people can post pictures with their Trail Conditions status messages.
- A vent is being planned for the pump house to alleviate excessive heat in there.

Habitat: John H shared:

- Work to get 8 acres of woods around the Hausman Nature Center ready for a fall woodland burn has been completed. This involved 750 hours of work, 110 piles of brush burned, and help from the Rangers!

- This fall (late October/November) we are contracting with GoodOak for services to direct our burns again. There will be 10 prairie units on the West side (41 acres), and 8 acres of woods (prior point) on the East side plus 3 prairie units (10 acres) on the East side. See attachments (East³ and West⁴) for details.
- In addition to our regular volunteers, we had a KM HS Senior Join us for about 20 hours in August!

Campsite Update: Colton noted that building materials have been ordered. A start date of Sept 20th is planned. Help from a number of Ice Ace Trail and Buckthorn Busters will perform the work with the Rangers assisting as needed (i.e., skid steer type work). Grass-seed has been purchased, and much of the site has been herbicided per the plan (the plan also calls for the site to be burned in the spring before planting it).

Lapham Lodge Discussion: John M caught us up on the recent progress, which included a meeting with DNR personnel, specifically Missy Vanlanduyt, with Anne K and Colton, where next steps and requirements were laid out, which basically asked us to produce a Business Plan, and added new financial requirements. The minutes from that meeting are attached⁵ but are also included in the draft Business Plan⁶ and Exhibits⁷ (also attached).

John M requested a Special Board meeting next week with Board members to review the Business Plan and discuss next steps, questions, input, etc. It was agreed that a special meeting on Sept 8th at 6 pm (via Zoom, starting a 5:45) would be held for this. DNR members have been asked not to attend this meeting.

Colorama: Kris reported-

- Sponsors have been contacted.
- T-Shirts have been ordered.
- We're up to 105 registered so far.
- Brochures are in the kiosks, and this is listed in the Delafield News. Kris asked for Colorama to be added to the Road sign.
- We have learned that another race will take place at the park on the same morning, with some overlap. It will start/end at Evergreen. It's the 10th annual "Kipsongo Project" -- a 5K Run/Walk event benefiting The Kipsongo Project, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in the Kipsongo Slum in Kenya. Kris and Jon believe the overlap can be managed. John H and Louise will be handing out water at a table at Evergreen.

Memorial Bricks and Benches:

- Dan said that brick orders continue to come in; we're at 48 bricks donated this year. He's still waiting for an estimate to complete the walkway.
- Rita said another path to the north has been added, thanks to help from the Rangers; more plants have been added, it looks really nice! A picnic table has been added in the shade, with woodships too!

Uniforms: A thank you note was received from Mary Eloranta, President, Peak Nordic ski club, for money we approved at our last meeting for Peak Nordic ski club middle school student uniforms.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway C Crossings:

The Peak Nordic Middle School Roller Blading group would like the Friends to ask for flashing red lights at the Highway C crossing (presumably from the parking lot to the Paul Sandgren Recreational Trail, though the Ice Age Trail crossing is just as dangerous [editorial comment]). Anne K said she heard that DOT claimed they needed \$150K for such a solution! Colton had heard a much lower number. They will discuss with DOT and Waukesha County to see what could be done.

Mugs: We're out now, but 96 more mugs will arrive soon, and another 96 have been ordered. \$2,700 in sales of mugs and stickers has come in recently. Sam and Mary and the Rangers have done a nice job promoting these for us! Thank you!!

Annual Meeting








- Guest speaker – It was suggested that we ask Steve Schmelzer, the new Director - Bureau of Parks and Recreation Management, to be our guest speaker. He agreed that the Nov 3rd (7pm) date could work for him, though details of in-person or remote still need to be determined.
- We have 4 Board members whose terms are expiring; several have agreed to renew:
 - Rita – Yes
 - Karl – Yes
 - Rick – Considering
 - Randy – No (will be traveling)
 - We do have a person who has been interested in a Board position and who would make a great addition to the Board, Louise will verify that there is still an interest.

Adjourned at 8:08:

Our next **Regular Board** meeting will be: **Wednesday Oct 6, 5:45 pm via Zoom** (to start at 6pm);
and our **Special Board** meeting will be: **Wednesday Sept 8, 5:45 pm via Zoom** (to start at 6pm).

Respectfully Submitted, John Hillmer

Attachments:

1.  2021 July Treas Rpt v2.xls
2.  2021 Aug Treas Rpt.xls
3.  2021 Fall East Burn Plan.pdf
4.  2021 Fall West Burn Plan.pdf
5.  2021-08-12 Lapham Lodge DNR Mtg.pdf
6.  2021-09-01 Lapham Lodge Bus Plan v2.pdf
7.  2021-09-01 Lapham Lodge Exhibits.pdf